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SUBJECT: US-FRENCH R & D COOPERATION AND PARIS VISIT OF
AUSTIN N. HELLER, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF ERDA FOR
CONSERVATION, 30 APRIL

REF: A) STATE 089085, B) PARIS 11660

1. THE FRENCH PORTION OF DR. HELLER'S EUROPEAN MISSION
TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGY AND
TO DISCUSS RELATED POSSIBLE MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL
COOPERATION R & D ACTIVITIES, REFTEL A, WAS IN TWO
PARTS:

A. AFTER A BRIEFING FROM SCICOUN ON ENERGY
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE (GOF), DR.
HELLER MET WITH GOF REPRESENTATIVES MESSRS. PALVADEAU,
BINDEL, AND PEISSIK (THEIR ORGANIZATIONS ARE IDENTIFIED
IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH) FOR A WORKING LUNCHEON AND
GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE TOPIC.

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B. AT 3:00 PM DR. HELLER AND EMBOFFS THEN MET

WITH M. BINDEL OF THE DGRST (SEE PARA 2, REFTEL B, FOR DEFINITIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS), COUNSELOR RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH THE DELEGATION FOR ENERGY; M. DERAÏ, DGRST; MME DE NARBONNE, ASSISTANT TO M. PEISSIK, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, DGRST; AND WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS FROM THE AGENCY FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION: M. PALVADEAU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR; M. ZYSS, DEPUTY TO THE CHIEF FOR INDUSTRY; M. CHOFFE, ENGINEER SPECIALIST IN HEAT PROBLEMS; AND M. LAMBOTTE, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR.

2. THE 3:00 PM MEETING BEGAN WITH A DETAILED DISCUSSION BY M. CHOFFE ON CONSERVATION EFFORTS WITH THE FRENCH CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. THE EMPHASIS IS ON IMPROVING ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS IN UNIT OPERATIONS AS MAJOR SYSTEM-LEVEL CONVERSIONS CANNOT BE AFFORDED. THEN DR. HELLER SKETCHED HIS DIRECTORATE'S PROGRAM, THE SCOPE AND DEPTH OF WHICH CLEARLY IMPRESSED HIS LISTENERS AND LED THEM TO MAKE STRONG EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN JOINT US-FRENCH COOPERATION EFFORTS.

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3. MEETING WAS CONCLUDED WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT JOINT PROJECTS ARE DESIRABLE, NOT ONLY IN R & D BUT ALSO, AS DR. HELLER EMPHASIZED, IN EARLY PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF R & D. THE FRENCH NOTED THAT THIS IS QUITE COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR VIEW; A MAJOR PART OF THE AGENCY FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION'S CHARTER IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS (THERE ARE 56 PROJECTS UNDER WAY WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SHOWING VARIOUS INDUSTRIES THAT SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE ASSIMILATED WITHOUT MAJOR DISRUPTIONS OF PRODUCTION SCHEDULES).

4. M. BINDEL PROPOSED THAT ENERGY STORAGE BE THE FIRST TOPIC CONSIDERED FOR JOINT FRENCH-US COOPERATIVE EFFORT. DR. HELLER REPLIED THAT HE WILL ASK HIS STAFF TO ADDRESS THIS POSSIBILITY AND THAT HE WILL RESPOND TO BINDEL VIA SCICOUN PARIS.

5. FOR MILAN PLEASE HOLD FOR DR. HELLER'S ARRIVAL 10 MAY.

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